

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Indiana Poet Laureate,
Dr. Norbert Krapf.

LUBBERS

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, Effective July 1, 2005, Senate Enrolled Act No. 433 created the official position of Indiana State Poet Laureate. Selection of the Indiana state poet laureate is made by the executive director of the Indiana Arts Commission along with seven members chosen by the commission who represent state supported and private institutions of higher education;

Whereas, In June of 2008, Dr. Norbert Krapf was appointed as Indiana Poet Laureate. He uses his position to continue his efforts to reunite poetry and music, and bring Indiana poetry to TV and radio. Dr. Krapf enjoys giving readings and discussing poetry in libraries and other venues. His enthusiasm for reading and writing poetry is infectious and a source of inspiration to aspiring poets;

Whereas, In 1943, Dr. Krapf was born in Jasper, Indiana. He graduated from Jasper High School and received a B.A. in English from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana. He later attended the University of Notre Dame, and earned a Ph.D. in English and American Literature with a concentration in American Poetry;

Whereas, Dr. Krapf taught for over 30 years at the C. W. Post Campus of Long Island University where he is now emeritus Professor of English. During his time on the Long



Island Campus, Dr. Krapf was Poet Laureate from 2003 to 2007, and directed the C. W. Post Poetry Center;

Whereas, Dr. Krapf has been the recipient of many honors, including the Lucille Medwick Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America, an honorary doctorate of letters from St. Joseph's College, the David Newton Award for Excellence in Teaching from Long Island University, and a Trustees Award for Scholarly Achievement, also from Long Island University;

Whereas, Dr. Krapf twice served in Germany as a Senior Fulbright Professor of American Poetry, at the Universities of Freiburg and Erlangen-Nuremberg. He was also a U.S. Exchange Teacher at West Oxon Technical College, England;

Whereas, In 2004, Dr. Krapf moved from the New York area to Indianapolis to write full-time. Since this move, he has become a board member of Etheridge Knight, Inc., which promotes the arts for youth, youth at risk, adults, seniors, disabled and incarcerated individuals, and residents traditionally underserved by the arts community; and

Whereas, Dr. Krapf's poetry collections include the poem "Somewhere in Southern Indiana" in his book "The Country I Come From," which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry; "Looking for God's Country," a recent collaboration with Darryl Jones; "Invisible Presence: A Walk through Indiana in Photographs and Poems"; and the forthcoming "Bloodroot: Indiana Poems." His work also includes collaborations with singer-songwriters, Kriss Luckett and Greg Ziesemer, and jazz pianist and composer, Monika Herzig, with whom he released the CD "Imagine – Indiana in Music and Poetry." His poem "Back Home" was selected by English artist, Martin Donlin, to become part of a stained-glass panel he created for installation at the new Indianapolis International Airport: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Indiana
2 Poet Laureate, Dr. Norbert Krapf, for his many accomplishments and
3 artistic contributions to the state of Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Poet Laureate, Dr. Norbert Krapf.

